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March 23, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5 3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000640 - Pico Canyon Channel Stabilizers and Invert Access Ramp, City of Santa Clarita (5), to Olivas Valdez, Inc., in amount of \$1,435,435.00.

Project ID No. GME0000006 - Installation of Fuel Facility at Lancaster Waterworks Yard, City of Lancaster (5), to Fleming Environmental, Inc., in amount of \$211,480.00.

Project ID No. SMDACO0096 - Verona Street, et al., Sanitary Sewers, vicinity of East Los Angeles (1), to Miller Pipeline Corporation, in amount of \$562,800.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. FCC0000640 and GME0000006.

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2003-04 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On April 1, 2003, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for Project ID No. FCC0000640.

Each of the remaining projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000640, PICO CANYON CHANNEL STABILIZERS AND
INVERT ACCESS RAMP (City of Santa Clarita), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of seven channel stabilizers, a reinforced concrete invert access ramp, reinforced concrete retaining walls, removal of concreted riprap, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 3, 2004

BID OPENING DATE: March 2, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	+*Olivas Valdez, Inc., a corporation 846 North Charter Drive Covina, California 91724 (626) 915-7633	\$1,435,435.00
2	*4-Con Engineering, Inc.	\$1,477,010.00
3	Griffith Company	\$1,478,690.10
4	Banshee Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,513,875.00
5	Oberg Contracting Corp.	\$1,522,717.00
6	*Mendez Concrete, Inc.	\$1,543,682.80
7	Southwest Engineering, Inc.	\$1,570,625.00
8	D. W. Powell Construction, Inc.	\$1,589,035.00
9	SRD Engineering, Inc.	\$1,589,876.00
10	KEC Engineering	\$1,591,620.00
11	*EDT Engineering Company, Inc.	\$1,601,286.32
12	*Reyes Construction, Inc.	\$1,627,687.00
13	Union Engineering Company, Inc.	\$1,631,262.00
14	Excel Paving Company	\$1,717,990.00
15	HighLand Construction, Inc.	\$1,900,695.00

*MWBE
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Turboflo Engineers, L.P., submitted a bid of \$1,697,260.00; however, they did not use the amended Schedule of Prices that was sent with Addendum 1. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,707,992.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,435,435.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 272,557.50

The amount of the recommended contract is 16 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Olivas Valdez, Inc., an MWBE, has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On April 1, 2003, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for this project.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 90 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in May and be completed in September 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. GME0000006, INSTALLATION OF FUEL FACILITY AT
LANCASTER WATERWORKS YARD (City of Lancaster), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Installation of vehicle fueling facility.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 3, 2004 (Synopsis 35)

BID OPENING DATE: March 2, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Fleming Environmental, Inc. 6130 Valley View Street Buena Park, California 90620 (714) 228-0935	\$211,480.00
2	Advance Petroleum Corporation	\$219,531.00
3	+Ami Adini & Associates	\$227,700.00
4	Energy Fueling Systems West	\$259,981.00
5	*Geo-Cal, Inc.	\$268,439.60
6	Western Pump, Inc.	\$324,000.00

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$221,358.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$211,480.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 9,878.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 4.5 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Waterworks Accumulated Capital Outlay Fund, N64, for Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Fleming Environmental, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (c), (i), and (l), and Class 3, Subsection (b), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in July 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
March 23, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. SMDACO0096, VERONA STREET, ET AL., SANITARY SEWERS
(in the vicinity of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning, video inspection, and lining of existing 8" sanitary sewers.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: January 20, 2004 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: February 17, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Miller Pipeline Corporation, a corporation P.O. Box 34141 Indianapolis, Indiana 46234 (317) 293-0278	\$562,800.00
2	Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corporation	\$575,551.00
3	Sancon Technologies, Inc.	\$684,870.00
4	Wesco Infrastructure Technologies	\$719,531.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of engineer's estimate	\$645,030.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$562,800.00
Amount of recommended contract below engineer's estimate	\$ 82,230.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 13 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are included in the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Miller Pipeline Corporation has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in September 2004.

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